



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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The Empty Tomb

BY JOSEPH TERLIZZI

TEXT: Matt. 28:6, "He is not here: for he is RISEN, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

1 Peter 1:3, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

No matter where you go, in every land and clime, you will find in the heart of man a cry for God. The Mohammedans pray facing towards their Mecca, China following Confucius, the African with his witch doctor and fetish religion, turning his merit wheel in Tibet (India), is conclusive evidence of the universal cry in the heart of man for God.

In answer to that cry, God gave to the world Christmas time, God manifested in the flesh. 1 Tim. 3:16. Jesus came to satisfy man's cry for God. For the Son of God became the Son of man, that the sons of men could become the sons of God.

Of all the miseries, the bondage of sin is the most miserable, for he that doeth sin is the servant of sin. It is worse than sorrow, worse than pain. It is such a ruin that no other ruin is like unto it. It troubles all the peace of life. It turns sunshine into darkness. It embitters all pleasant fountains, poisons every blessing of God. It doubles the burdens of life. It makes death a torture, and the eternity beyond the grave an infinite and intoler-

able blackness and torment.

Life has brought many sorrows to us and many fears. Our hearts have ached a thousand times. Tears have flowed. Sleep has fled. Food has been nauseous to us,



even when our weakness craved for it. But never have we felt anything like the dead weight of sin. Sin is adultery, fornication, lying, stealing, profanity, murder, bearing false witness. In a word, sin is the transgression of God's law. Again, sin is a foul disease. Sin is filth. It robs men of

self-respect and makes them unpresentable before God and man. As it is written, "We have all sinned and come short of the glory of God." Rom. 3:23; and, "The wages of sin is death," Rom. 6:23. What must be a death in sin? An eternity of unretracted sin?

Study human nature the world over, and you will find a cry rising from the profound depths of the human heart for deliverance from this foul disease and bondage of sin and horrible death.

Where shall we look for deliverance? Not to ourselves, for we know our weakness and corruption. Not to any earthly power, for it has no jurisdiction here. Not to philosophy, education, or science, for in this case they are helpless. Not to any saint, however holy, nor to any angel, however mighty, for in the wisdom of God it has been decreed, that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin. Hebrews 9:22.

So in answer to that universal cry of man for deliverance from sin, God gave the world Calvary—the cross—with its shed blood. Therefore, it is from the precious blood of Jesus Christ alone that our salvation comes, for out of the immensity of its merits, out of the inexhaustible treasures of its satisfactions, because of the resistless power over the justice and wrath of God, because of its priceless worth (1 Peter 1:18, 19), sinners, through faith, are SAVED from (not in) the depths of sin, and restored to the peace and favor of our heavenly Father. Eph. 2:14-17. Wonderful salvation through the precious blood of Calvary! Salvation from the miserable and shame-

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NOTICES

From the Field

CORRECTION: In the March 16 issue of the Evangel under the notice column I stated that Morgantown won the state Y.P.E. banner for the month of February when it should have been Hattiesburg. Hattiesburg also won the Sunday School banner. Come on, Sunday Schools and Y.P.E.'s, let's go over the top in Mississippi. Please pray for us.—State Y.P.E. and S. S. superintendent of Mississippi, Arlie Dorman.

To the Sunday School and Y.P.E. workers of Alabama: The Mobile district convention convened March 15-17; the Thomasville district convention will convene March 22-24; Montgomery district convention, April 5-7. I am asking all the Y.P.E. workers of each district to be present on Friday night and all Sunday School workers of each district to be present Sunday morning. Come expecting a great blessing from the Lord.—T. G. Pearson, state superintendent, Box 97, Pratt City, Ala.

To the Sunday Schools and Y.P.E.'s of Alabama: The Sunday School banner was won by Sylacauga for the month of February with a gain of forty. The Y.P.E. banner was won by Perdido with a gain of thirty-two. Who is going to win next month?—T. G. Pearson, state superintendent of Alabama.

The district convention of the Thomasville, Ala. district will convene at the Thomasville church, March 22-24. The pastors of the following churches are urged to see that the requirements asked for in our preachers' meeting are met one hundred per cent: Oak Grove, Half Acre, Nicholsville and Sunny South. Our state overseer, H. L. Chesser, will be in charge. Everyone is invited to attend this convention.—J. A. Brown, district pastor, Box 15, Thomasville, Ala.

The Church of God district convention of the Catlettsburg, Ky. district will convene at Catlettsburg, March 29-31. We are expecting this to be one of the best conventions in the state. The entertainment will be free as far as possible and we will have a restaurant on the grounds, run by the local church, and meals will be served reasonable, the proceeds of which will go to the W.W.B. Everybody is invited to attend, especially all my good friends in Eastern Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio. Don't forget the date. Brother B. L. Hicks, overseer

of Kentucky, will be in charge.—W. B. Webb, district pastor, 3021 Louise St., Catlettsburg, Ky.

The district convention for the Fort Payne and Scottsboro districts combined will be held April 26-28 at the Strait Creek Church of God, located about fifteen miles west of Fort Payne, one mile off the main highway from Fort Payne to Scottsboro. I insist that each church on the Fort Payne district be at the convention. It is very necessary. Please don't fail to raise the amounts you are asked to raise—ten cents per member for aged ministers' fund; seventy cents per member for missions (half to be paid at the district convention and half at the state convention). Don't forget your five per cent missions. We want to go over the top in every way. Get everyone to renew his subscription to the Evangel. Get as many new subscriptions as possible. Come one and all. Bring your song books, instruments, quartets, duets and solos. All will find a welcome. Brother H. L. Chesser will be in charge. Pray lots for our convention. I will visit all the churches by or before the convention.—J. M. Hartline, Fort Payne district pastor, Rt. 1, Fyffe, Ala.

The Orlando, Fla. district convention will convene at Orlando Church of God, corner Pine and Parramore Sts., March 30, 31. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the blessings of the Lord. There will be dinner on the ground Sunday. Come and bring a well-filled basket. Come on, pastors, let's make Orlando district one hundred per cent for the program of the Church in the state of Florida.—F. F. O'Bannon, district overseer.

CORRECTION: Somehow I failed to give the date of the home-coming and mission rally to be held at the Marked Tree, Ark. Church of God. It is March 31. Let me urge one and all to prepare to come and let us worship God together. Also let's do our best to be one hundred per cent for God on our aged ministers' fund, missions and local obligations. God will reward us for our sacrifice here.

Also, to all the churches on the Marked Tree district, do your best to be up on all lines so your pastor can report with a smile when you and he attend the district convention April 5-7. My prayers are for you and I believe you will do your best.—District pastor, C. C. Rains, Box 673, Marked Tree, Ark.

The North Woodville, Mich. district convention will be changed from March 24 to April 12-14. The icy roads will be much better to travel on by this date. North Woodville district, please take notice of this, and ministers, make the announcement of this change so everyone

will know about the change of dates. Everybody is invited.—E. O. Kerse, overseer of Michigan.

The Selma City, Tex. district convention will convene March 22-24. We extend an invitation to our friends all over the state to come be with us. To all the members of the local churches, do your best to be there. If you cannot come, send an offering for the convention.—Pastor, C. F. Meador, Selma City, Tex.

There will be a home-coming at the South Shady Grove Church of God Easter Sunday. We would be glad for all our members who live at a distance to pay us a visit on this date.—C. H. Gardner, pastor, Magee, Miss.

The Church of God at Stonefield, Miss. will have home-coming day and an Easter program Sunday, March 24. We insist that all members be there, if possible, as we have set that day to complete our \$1.00 per member drive. We invite all neighboring churches to be with us. We, too, are expecting our churches on the Stonefield district to be one hundred per cent on five per cent missions and the \$1.00 per member drive by our district convention, which will convene April 26-28. Come on, brother ministers, let's put the church program over the top.—W. L. Sharp, district overseer, Holcomb, Miss.

We will have dedication service in our new brick veneer church building March 31. We are expecting quite a number of visitors from many places far and near. We will hold our first service Easter Sunday.—Garner J. Wilkins, pastor, 206 S. Greenwood St., Lagrange, Ga.

The Linden, Fla. district convention will convene at Linden, Fla. April 13, 14, inclusive. Brother E. M. Ellis, state overseer, will be in charge, assisted by the district overseer, M. D. Alderman. Ministers, please remember this is an entirely new set of pastors on this district and the good people of each respective church, with our good state overseer, and last but not least, the Savior of all mankind, are depending on us. We can't fail, for as Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," so remember I am looking for you with a large delegation from your church with all quotas raised and the spiritual tide running high. In conclusion, don't forget the noon hour with a well-filled basket. A hearty invitation is extended to all far and near to come and enjoy a feast of good things from the Lord.—M. D. Alderman, district overseer, Box 108, Lacochee, Fla.

On April 14 there will be home-coming at the Church of God at Canton, Ga. (Continued on page 16)

THE CROSS, THE GROUND OF OUR SALVATION

THE cross is the ground of our escape from the consequences of sin, and our full acceptance with God, and also of our separation from this present evil world, its fashions, maxims, habits, and its evil principles. The cross has dislodged the believer from everything here, and made him a pilgrim and a stranger, and as such he is nothing in common with this "present evil world" (Gal. 1:4).

The true, devoted heart in the faith of God (Mark 11:22) sees all the pomp and fashion of this world under the dark shadow of the cross of Christ, and himself a stranger on earth and a citizen of heaven. This is no sentiment or theory, but a mighty reality witnessed to by the Holy Spirit and confirmed by the Word of God!

Be it borne in mind continually that the offense of the cross has not ceased, and that the world is the world still. Jesus was cast out, and is still out, and all who go with Him must "go without the camp bearing his reproach," Heb. 13:12, 13. There is no change. All must go to Him in repentance and faith. One of Satan's special devices is to impress people to accept salvation and at the same time refuse to be identified with Him in His rejection, and live the separated life.

The enemy has deceived people with the idea that they can seek a name and have a part with this Christ-rejecting world, and still have a part with Christ. By no means has this become a Christian world, nor ever will be as long as the

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"throne of iniquity" rules and there are demon-filled people to work evil and commit crimes. The present evil world hates Christ just as when they said, "Away with Him! Crucify Him!" If the proper test of the Word of God, preached



in power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost, is brought upon the world, we will find it to be the same world that put Christ away.

The hope of the world was that they would see Him no more, that He would trouble their nations no more, and that their lustful, carnal pleasure would not be interrupted by Him any more! But,

blessed be God, He rose again and led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men. He overcame the world (John 16: 33) and has the keys of hell and death, and is alive forevermore (Rev. 1:18). In the power of His death and resurrection we are delivered from sin and this "present evil world," according to the will of God, and in Him live holy unto God, for He is our life and our resurrection!

On the cross He bore your sins (1 Pet. 2:24). There He purchased your redemption by His blood! There "He was made sin for you that you might be the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Cor. 5:21). Not only so, but "our old man" was crucified with Him (Rom. 6:6), and furthermore, "by his stripes we were healed." Praise God!

And to sum it all up, the Apostle Paul says, "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace are ye saved;) And raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:4-17). It was all by divine grace, and still "God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (2 Cor. 9:8). In this we shall rejoice and give thanks for all things in Christ. Hallelujah!

He Showed Me the Way of Holiness

WHITTIER, N. C.—I praise God this morning for what He means to me. I praise Him for saving my lost soul, sanctifying me with His precious blood and filling me with the sweet Holy Ghost. I praise Him for victory right now in my soul. I was raised in a good family. My mother and daddy were good old Baptist, but praise God, saints, He showed me the way of holiness. I praise Him for the Church of God to which I belong, which is a straight, clean way.

I thank Him for our good, faithful pastor, Brother W. P. Walker. Pray that I may be a soul winner for Jesus.—Mrs. Zean Wood.

UHRICHSVILLE, Ohio.—We are here at Uhrichsville in the midst of a wonderful revival. Good crowds are attending. On the night of Feb. 21 we experienced one of the most powerful Holy Ghost meetings since the day I received the Holy Ghost, about fourteen years ago. A Polish brother and one other received the Holy Ghost. Everybody shouted long after they prayed through. We will soon enter the fourth week.—Russell Ford, evangelist.

Reports From the Field

Plaids For Help

WHARTON, W. Va.—Dear saints of God everywhere, please pray that God will move this way for there are lots of hungry hearts here and no one to bring the gospel in its fullness. Only two have the blessing. There isn't a church here and we have to go about thirty-five miles to church. I am so hungry to have a church close so I can be with the real children of God. I have had the Holy Ghost only seven months March 1. My husband is saved, please pray that he will see the light on the Holy Ghost and pray through to victory. Also pray that my body will be healed.

I believe God is going to come to our rescue here at Wharton. The full gospel has been preached the last year. Pray for me that I will keep victory in my soul.—Mrs. Dewey McNeeley.

Submission can only go where Humility has already gone.

Praises in My Heart

SALEM, S. C.—This morning as I sit in my little home I am thankful for the goodness the Lord has shown to me. He has been so gracious to us and I just can't express His goodness. He has kept our bodies well and supplied us with food and raiment. Praise His name. He said in His Word He would never leave nor forsake us but would go with us even to the end, and why should we worry when God is with us?

I praise the Lord for our little church at Salem. Although few in number God meets with us in our services and I'm sure He will lead us through. We are thankful for our pastor and his dear wife, Brother and Sister J. M. Donalds. I believe they are among the best of God's children. Pray everywhere that God will give us the greatest revival that has ever been known in South Carolina.—Mrs. Charles Bolick.

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Editorially Speaking

Easter

AS strange as it may seem, there is no Christian name for that day that we keep in commemoration of the resurrection of our Lord. The word "Easter" is an appellation given, with some small variations, to several languages and dialects by nations of Teutonic descent, and was so named for Estore, the goddess of spring. Though that festival has been changed which was originally in honor of the goddess, to a celebration of the Christian event, the name was borrowed from the former and has lasted on down through the ages.

In Hebrew, Greek, French, Spanish, and Italian the words given for Easter or used for the day upon which we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, is taken from words meaning "the passover." It was thought to be a continuation of that feast and there is no great violation in this because we are taught by the Apostle Paul that Christ is our passover and was sacrificed for us. That great sacrifice was made at the feast of the passover and it was only three days later that He arose a victor over the grave and became the head of a new order which is the Christian order or the Church. There is no event recorded in Holy Writ so important to the Church of God as the resurrection of Christ. With His resurrected body hopes were resurrected and not only does He, but also His representative body, the Church, lives continually to do His bidding and carry out His mission in the world.

The exact date of the crucifixion and resurrection are not known. Scholars differ and none of them have sufficient proof to dislodge others and so, regardless of ideas and opinions as to what day is the day, we all come together on one appointed day to spend it in devotion to the resurrected Christ. That which is more important than anything else is that we realize the real benefits of the resurrection, and unless one does realize such benefits all observance of Easter is void.

The Church

IN an old issue of the LAST DAYS we ran across an article on "The Church," and as we looked upon it the word seemed to ring, WHAT can be more important for comment during Eastertide than the Church? for after all it was that event that took place on the

first Easter that sealed the doctrine of the Church. This being true, it is very important that God's people know the Church and what it is to us. I quote from the article in LAST DAYS: "They must first know what the Church is and what the Church is not. The Church is a company of people being called out of this world in this age to compose the body or bride of Christ, that company of people that God is taking out of the great mass of fallen humanity, out of Satan's kingdom, and placing them into His kingdom who has delivered us from the power of darkness and has translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son." In further comment on the Church the writer said, "Sometimes the best way to find out what a thing is to find out what it is not. Before you can find out what most of the ladies are in these days, you have to find out what they are not. You have to take off the paint and powder to see what they are. Before we can see what the Church is we must see what it is not. We must take off the false garbs by which it has been represented before we can see what it is." "First," the writer says, "the Church is not an organization but an organism. The difference between an organization and an organism is like the difference between an automobile and the human body. The Church is said to be the body of Christ and each Christian a member of that body. The only church membership the Bible knows anything about is of those who are members of His body, of Christ. We read, 'The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.' Man cannot add to the Church. God alone can add members to the Church, and when they are saved God adds them to the Church. They then become a part of an organism and not a piece of an organization. The difference between an organization and an organism is that an organization has many parts fitted perfectly and smoothly together, all the parts in the right place, like all the parts of an automobile put properly in place. Yet, when all of these parts are properly in place, there is no life going through all the parts. An organism is all members properly fitted together with one current of life going through all of the members, giving each the same life. The Church is an organism with the divine life of God going through each member and only those who have been regenerated by the spirit of God can have the life of God going through them."

The above is certainly a beautiful picture. It may be that there are some of us who do not agree with every detail of his explanation, but after all, with such an organism as is described, organized into organization, you have what we see as the Church, fitted and prepared to transact business here upon earth for God, and this with its twofold aspect is what God has

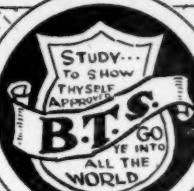
given unto us.

The Wrong Light

SO many times we hear people talk of getting the light on holiness, and getting the light on the Church of God, but it is too bad that many times people get the wrong light. Such is the testimony of Charles Paschal whose letter appears in this month's Lighted Pathway. This is a part of his testimony: "I had been given a very low opinion of the Church of God. I had heard a few off-the-track preachers affiliated with the Church make such rash remarks about holiness people of other faiths that I had become disgusted with the entire movement. I heard them brand good Holy-Ghost-filled people of mine and other movements as lost sheep, foolish virgins, half-hatched eggs, half-

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Bible School Echoes



Commencement Week At Bible Training School

Baccalaureate sermon, Easter Sunday, March 24, 10:30 a. m.
 Musical program, Wednesday evening, March 27, 7:30.
 Graduating exercises and awarding of diplomas Thursday, March 28, 10:00 a. m.
 The Senior play, "The Revival in Villagegreen," will be given Thursday evening.
 This will be a good time for you to visit our school. Everybody welcome.

The Climax

Next week will mark the closing of another very successful term of the Bible Training School at Sevierville. The parents and friends of students from all over the United States will be present to enjoy the commencement exercises. For many years these exercises have created a very great interest and those who have attended the exercises have been not only entertained but also greatly inspired by the wonderful gospel singing on the music night and the inspiring drama given on the last night.

It was the privilege of your Editor to attend the commencement exercises and to see that wonderful play that has been talked of so much and that was also given at the Assembly, "The Missing Christian." It was soon to be seen that the different characters of the play were not only playing or acting as a result of careful drilling but that they were also inspired by the wonderful thought presented in the drama. This accompaniment brought tears, shouts, and other manifestations that the audience was deeply touched so that they could not conceal their emotions because of the profound effect that the play had upon them.

It is believed that this year's exercises will even eclipse the one of last year. No, "eclipse" is not the word for that event cannot be eclipsed or forgotten, but, it might be surpassed. Last year's

B. T. S. Faculty



You have presented in the picture above the faculty of the Bible Training School. Sitting behind the desk with a paper in hand is Rev. Zeno C. Tharp who is General Superintendent of Education for the Church of God and Superintendent of the Bible School at Sevierville. Brother Tharp has been a Christian and member of the Church of God since he was a very small boy. He felt the call to the ministry at an early age and while a very young man attended the Church of God Bible Training School at Cleveland, Tennessee. After graduating from the Bible School he served as pastor at East Chattanooga and then at Greenville, S. C., where he built the largest work in any single unit that the Church has. Through these years Professor Tharp has developed a great power of organization and with it through his study of character in the classroom has become a practical psychologist. He is not a horn-tooter, but the fruit of his labor follows.

Facing Brother Tharp, sitting beside

commencement has caused us to make a promise to ourselves never to miss one of these exercises when it was at all possible to attend. Those who cannot attend should think prayerfully of this com-

the window, is the principal of the Bible School, Prof. R. R. Walker, who was educated in the schools of Mississippi and had wide experience as a teacher there. He has been a very close associate and teamworker with Brother Tharp and it is through this teamwork and the cooperation of the teachers employed by the school that its influence has now become far-reaching.

Arrangements by the Board of Directors to make the Church of God Bible Training School a junior college is now under way and it is to be believed that it will soon be a reality. A more beautiful location could not be imagined. First, in the Church of God, surrounded by a society which accepts the whole Bible rightly divided and takes the entire New Testament for its man of counsel and rule of discipline, and, second, in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains where God has bestowed all in a natural environment that the heart could wish for. These sum up in a small way the Editor's vision of the Church of God Bible Training School.

mencement exercise and breathe a prayer to God for this one of the greatest departments of the greatest institutions upon earth, the Church of God.

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Daily Bread

— By —
E. L. SIMMONS
"Give us this day our daily bread."
—Matt. 6:11.

Sunday, March 24

"He is risen."
Read Mark 16:6.

Lazarus was reanimated but Jesus was resurrected. The stone was required to be rolled away to permit Lazarus to come out of the tomb. Jesus did not require the stone to be rolled away in order that He might come forth. An angel rolled away the stone from the door of the tomb to let the outsiders in, not to let Jesus out. In that tomb were the evidences of the resurrection which it was very desirable that the disciples should see. The winding sheet spoke as eloquently and convincingly of the entrance into new life as the empty shell of the chrysalis speaks of the flight of the butterfly. The story is beautiful, wonderful, powerful, and true.

Monday, March 25

"Eyes to see."
Read Mark 8:18.

When men have eyes to see they can behold the beauties of life. They can see the deep, hidden things of truth, the way that God has prepared for those who will accept it. When people see things wrong they are usually looking at them from the wrong angle. The story is told of a man who said to Mr. Dawson, "I like your sermons very much but the after-meetings I despise. When the prayer meeting begins I always go up into the gallery and look down, and I am disgusted." "Well," said Mr. Dawson, "the reason is you go on the top of your neighbor's house and look down the chimney to examine his fire, and of course you get smoke in your eyes."

Tuesday, March 26

"Add to your faith."
Read 2 Peter 1:5,6.

Our faith is the doctrine which we accept and if right is the gospel of the Son of God. Our works or graces are the outward demonstration of that faith. A certain soapmaker, having run out of superlatives to define the perfection of his product, hit upon a statement that said in a novel and compelling way the last word that could be said concerning it:

"As we couldn't improve on our product we improved the box." So it is, we cannot improve the contents of religion but we can improve the container.

Wednesday, March 27

"Ye are witnesses."
Read Luke 24:48.

A young minister had moved to a large city as pastor of a church. His mother came to live with him and it was while attending the church where he was a minister that she gave her heart to God. One day when she attended the ladies' service, she made her son promise that he would not ask her to speak. To this he assented but finally said that he would tell the story of her conversion. At the first class meeting he began to tell the story but he had not traveled very far before his mother very excitedly said, "You're not telling that right, Jack," and forthwith speedily poured forth the story of her new-found love. The young minister has often told the story to prove that when the most timid soul is aglow with love there is something which makes it claim a share in the spiritual conversation of the class meeting.—From "Love and Life."

Thursday, March 28

"Think on these things."
Read Phil. 4:8.

There is nothing more elevating to Christian character and social life than to think on things that are good, even when thinking of the lives of others to find their good qualities rather than their evil ones. The story of cannibalism is familiar to most all, how that the wild tribes of Africa and other heathen countries originally slew and devoured one another. There are those today in more enlightened countries who are spiritually cannibalistic and try to devour one another's influence. This is as truly destructive as bodily destruction.

Friday, March 29

"Look up."
Read Mark 8:25.

All blessings come from above. The material part of the universe realize that fact and shoot their branches heavenward. The story is told of a certain professor who invariably prefaced his lectures by remarking, "When I was walking in my garden I thought—," and proceeded with some beautiful teaching, until his students began to imagine what a grand garden their master must have to be the inspiration of such grand thoughts, and finally one went to see it and found it to be a little, narrow backyard. "Your garden," he exclaimed, "how small it is, how narrow, how secluded, how poor!" "Ah," answered the professor, "but look how high it is; it reaches to the heavens."

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Question Box

Question Box Editor Slips

In March 9 issue of the Evangel a question was asked, "Does 2 Thess. 2:7, 8 refer to the Holy Ghost and the Holy Ghost people taken up, and will sinners be saved during the tribulation?—E. L. M." The answer to the first question was, "Yes." Then comes this statement, "Answer to second question, Isa. 65:20, 'But the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.'" The

Question Box Editor evidently had his mind on the millennium and not on the tribulation. There will possibly be thousands of people saved during the tribulation. Rev. 7:14, "And he said to me, These are they which come out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the lamb." However, we find nothing in the Scriptures to indicate that there will be conversions during the millennium.

Question: Please explain Eph. 4:26, "Be ye angry and sin not." Does that mean a man can be mad and not sin?—A. C. A.

Answer: No, it does not mean that a man can be mad and not sin. The word "mad" means crazy, insane, proceeding from or characterized by delusion for want of reason, etc. The word "anger" means trouble, affliction, a strong passion or emotion of displeasure, and usually antagonism, etc. The child of God is angry at the enemy continually. The Spirit of the Lord came on Saul and his anger was kindled against the Philistines, but in our intense anger and displeasure with evil we must not sin.

Question: What is the meaning of Matt. 18:18, "Whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven"? Also John 20:23?—J. B. P.

Answer: These scriptures merely set forth that the gospel of salvation had been committed unto the apostles and the salvation of the lost was their responsibility, that though Jesus came as a Savior His message must be told to the world by them.

There is nothing that has ever been constructed that has remained so solid, yet has been tried so severely, as the foundation Jesus Christ laid for our faith.



Foreign Missions

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

EXPLANATION AND APOLOGY

On this page in the last issue of the Evangel there appeared these words: "The persecution from Catholics and, even worse, from Protestant churches, including the Assemblies of God and Apostolic Faith, have been insupportable except for the grace of God." It is not our intention to cast any reflection upon any religious organization and we are very sorry that this got by us. The relationship of the Church of God and Assemblies of God has been very cordial and any differences relative to mission administration are purely local. We have no quarrel against any church and especially wish success to others who are promoting mission work.—Editor.

We are indeed grateful for the blessings the good Lord sends us.

Since the last time I wrote an article in the Evangel about the persecutions we had here, the Lord has wonderfully pacified things and in turn, some of those who persecuted the work are attending the meetings.

June 7, 1939, I crossed the river that divides the Republic of Haiti from the Dominican Republic and came to the border of Dajabon on the north sides of both Republics, where there is a garrison of Spanish soldiers in a small town, a customhouse and only one Catholic church. No one ever told them of the power there is in the blood of Jesus Christ to save them from their sins.

BEFORE MEETING THE CHURCH OF GOD

I was born in Castries, St. Lucia, B. W. I., and my first faith was Catholic, as is the majority of my country folks. When I was about twelve years old I was saved in a Pilgrim Holiness church. I always felt a deep hunger for the Lord and a desire to serve Him, but it was not the Lord's time yet to use me. Later, when I was fourteen, I thought I would leave St. Lucia and go to some other country where it might be possible for me to earn my daily bread, and hearing that Santa Domingo was open to foreigners, I thought it might be good to travel to that land. Before I left my country, I went to say good-bye to my old aunt, for my father died and left me when I was three years old and my mother died and left me at the age of nine, so my good

old aunt took care of me till I was quite a young man. She wept and sobbed these words, "Son, never forget to go to your church and always remember your Savior." I did not like to leave my home, but it pleased the Lord to take me from there so I came to the Dominican Republic to find myself among Spanish people, quite blind to the knowledge of God. At first I felt very sad when I saw there was no one near me to take care of me. I was afraid because the Spanish people liked plenty of revolutions and shooting, but I put the Lord before me in all things and asked Him to guide, for I did not know the way. I lived here for some years and almost two years after I came here I met with some other people but I did not feel at home with them. Later I met with some people preaching Christ and I

names. Bishop W. V. Eneas was the first to form my acquaintance and we appreciated each other's company until I left the Bahamas. Also our dear overseer, Bishop William R. Franks, and his wife treated me with Christian love. Also Bishop Tailor, Bishop George Moss, Evangelist Davis, Deacon Tucker, Deacon Lashley, and all the members made me feel happy. I pray the Lord's blessing will always be upon them. I found in the doctrine a pure, holy, and solid one, and if it is carefully followed and practiced, one can always be in good fellowship with the Savior.

While in the Bahamas I always did my little part for the Lord, I went to few other islands to work with my hands and at the same time did something for the Lord. In January, 1939, we had a fine convention in Nassau and there I met dear Brother Paul H. Walker, whom I will always remember. I told him how the Lord called me to work among the Latin people, and we both got into a spiritual talk, the Lord was present, and the Lord approved our good intentions. I stayed in Nassau several months longer but that deep hunger for souls had me laden until at the end of May I left for the Dominican Republic, determined to be about my Father's business. I arrived at Cap Haitian and the next day I started for the Dominican Republic. I had a few difficulties in getting over but the Lord was with me. I went to Barahona where I got married on June 26, and from there wife and I started for Ciudad Trujillo. At Ciudad Trujillo I felt the Lord's calling to make a start but I could not find a house to rent. I was two months in a hotel but at last the Lord helped us to find a location and on August 7 I preached the first sermon. From then on we have been working for our blessed Savior. My wife being a very satisfied soul is just the kind I asked the Lord for. We had great trials, great needs, great persecutions but His grace was sufficient. Dear readers, I am happy to say that none of these difficulties stopped us, nor did they stop souls from being saved. I remember wife and I alone starting to sing praises to God the night of August 7 and it was not long before the Lord brought hungry souls and saved them. Later we removed one partition of the house, and now we have had to remove all the partitions and yet there is not enough room to accommodate the people. All this was accomplished in only

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LEAVES FROM THE FIG TREE

An Interpretation of Current Events in the Light of Holy Prophecy

"Now, learn a parable of the fig tree: when his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh," Matt. 24:32.

By JUDGE SULLIVAN

The federal government will undertake again this year its decennial taking of the census. Uncle Sam is prepared to inquire into all the domestic angles of the people of America. One prominent writer has opined that the government's curiosity concerning "divorce, income, toilet facilities, etc., was an invasion of man's responsibilities to God alone. However, a government that takes unto itself the right to say how long a man shall work and what he shall be paid for it; to determine what a man shall produce on the farm and what price he shall sell it for; to say that a man cannot work in many cases without joining a union contrary to his conscience; that government, to maintain those powers, must constantly add new ones."

In language more forceful than polite, Congressman John Dingall of Michigan is reported to have urged the Congress to vote relief and financial help for the embattled Finns with these words: "We restrict this loan to powder puffs and cream puffs when we know the Finns need shrapnel, buckshot, barbed wire and all the fiercest implements of hell because THEY ARE FIGHTING TO STOP ANTICHRIST AND THE HOSTS OF HELL LED BY BEELZEBUB. Let every man stand up and be counted, let him vote as he talks, let us dispense with hypocrisy." This distinguished congressman hit the nail squarely on the head. I am glad that at least one Congressman can see the hand of Antichrist in the dictator-ridden countries of the world. Much as we regret it, the spirit of Antichrist is on the march.

"The night cometh when no man can work." Fortunately, between daylight and darkness there is that brief period known as twilight. Let the people of God remember this: The Antichrist will come with the stage prepared for his coming. If you have to carry a certain card to obtain or hold a job, if you have to be the bearer of a number as well as a name, if certain regulations have to be conformed to, it will seem easier to take the number when the Antichrist appears. It seems to me that now is the time for God's people to awake to a realization of the signs of the times.

The spokesman for Mussolini, dictator of Italy, said last week: "Threats to destroy Italian Fascism would put Italy on the same bench with Germany and Russia. Despite their basic differences the three regimes of FASCISM, COMMUNISM, AND NAZISM MAY YET STARTLE EUROPE BY CREATING A NEW SOLIDARITY." That step would

sions. Isn't it rather strange that one dictator after another starts persecuting the Jews? It is all part of God's plan. Persecution will bring them to their knees and in desperation they will make a covenant with Antichrist. Rather, they will renew the covenant already made.

It is significant that England, who rules over the Palestinian country, decided last week that the Jews could buy no more land in certain sections of that country. England decided that the Arab should dominate the Holy Land. Let England and the democracies beware! At the judgment of nations mentioned in Matt. 25, the nations who have befriended the Jew will be the favored ones in the Millennial Kingdom. TIME magazine says that the reaction in Palestine was significant. I quote: "What this means is that Jewish settlement of Palestine was brought to a close and that the Jewish National Homeland, promised by England in 1917, was squelched. In Jewish Tel Aviv there were prayers and parades through the streets with banners reading "WE WON'T SUBMIT." Well, the Jew said, one time, "His blood be upon us and our children." The children are reaping. However, it is still God's plan and purpose to bring them back to their homeland once again.

The College of the City of New York has recently called Earl Russell of England to a professorship. He is the same Earl Russell who said, "Outside of human desires there is no moral standard. . . . People should indulge in marriage infidelity to preserve their homes. . . . In the absence of children sexual relations are purely a private matter and in no way concern the state or the neighbors." To such a low estate have our colleges fallen that immoral men have been called to lead the young minds of America. God grant that we have more schools where the youth are trained to know, love, and serve God. Open debauchery taught by college professors! Well, "As it was in the days of Noah," etc.

Anent the appointment by President Roosevelt of Myron C. Taylor to be his Ambassador to the Pope at Rome, the
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AT THE CHURCH OF GOD PUBLISHING HOUSE



It is Wednesday morning. Material for the official organ of the Church of God, "The Church of God Evangel," has found its way in routine from the transcribers' and proofreaders to the typesetters, through the compositor's hands, the pressman, folder, stitchers, trimmer, addressograph, and finally, the wrappers. It has been placed into mail sacks, separated according to states, and the time has come that it should be sent to the post office. So far as we can learn it has been an established custom for the officials and the hands in the mailing room to kneel around the mail sacks and pray before the Evangel goes winging its way on its mission of cheer to sad hearts to console them, to discouraged ones to encourage them, and to strengthen those who already have courage and determination to press the battle.

We do not always wait until the mail

PRAYER OVER THE EVANGEL

sacks have been piled at the big door, ready to go out on the truck. Many times before the sacks are closed, while their mouths are still opened toward heaven, we kneel around them in the mailing room and ask God's blessings upon this paper as it goes forth. Hundreds of letters have come to the office telling of wonderful blessings received from God through reading the paper, and hundreds of testimonies of healings which have been brought about by laying the Evangel on and asking God's blessings. Of course, this is due to the faith that those who receive the paper have in God's people who so earnestly pray that God will bless its pages as it goes forth.

It will be noted by looking at the picture that at this time our former Editor, Brother S. W. Latimer, was with us on a

visit and is kneeling and asking God's blessings upon the Evangel as earnestly as when he himself was the Editor.

We think it indeed an encouragement to know that from the time the paper comes in from the cars upon which it is loaded that it is handled in every operation, and that all the manuscript, letters, testimonies, etc., incidental to its publication, are handled by men and women whose souls have been blessed, who are children of God, members of His Church for whom and which the paper is published.

This represents a very small part of the work of the Publishing House, the mailing of the Lighted Pathway being much larger, and the Sunday School literature mailings add tremendously also to the work. A corps of extra helpers is always necessary when the Evangel, Sunday

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REVIVALS

MORGANTOWN, Miss. — We have just closed a wonderful revival here which will be long remembered. Bro. DeWitt Sharpe did the preaching. There were fifteen converted, twelve sanctified, eleven filled with the precious Holy Ghost and six added to the church. We are to begin a revival at Mt. Sinai right away. Brother Sharpe is a wide-awake preacher. He is never too busy to visit the sick and lend a helping hand and a word of encouragement. Pray for us here at Morgantown that we will be faithful to the end.—J. I. Smith, Foxworth, Miss.

CHILlicothe, Mo.—We are glad to report a successful revival here, conducted by Rev. and Mrs. Lee Holdman. We praise the Lord for His presence. There were twenty-three saved, twelve sanctified and eleven filled with the Holy Ghost. We are worshiping God in our new church building. Brother and Sister Holdman are a godly couple who are used of the Lord. We were all sorry to see them go but the Lord has other fields to work in. Let's all pray for them and you pray for us in Chillicothe. — Homer Howe, pastor 212 Ryan St.

NEESES, S. C.—We have just closed a wonderful revival in this town with great success. The saints were greatly blessed and encouraged to fight the battle of God on. Sister Virginia Bennett who was the evangelist, did some wonderful preaching under the anointing of God. This is a new field. There is much to be done here. We have been in our new church about three weeks. During the revival there were nine saved, five sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for us in this field.—F. W. Black, pastor.

PETERSBURG, W. Va.—We closed a fine meeting here at Petersburg Feb. 18. Sister Lucile Webb was the evangelist and God certainly blessed. Five were saved, three sanctified and six filled with the Holy Ghost and the church much revived. The power came down at times till all we had to do was have an altar service. Praise God. He is still blessing and healing. On Sunday, Feb. 11, at Moorefield, one of our charges, there was a lady member of the Brethren church, who was to be taken to the hospital at once. One of the good sisters told her Jesus could heal and after we anointed and prayed for her that is just what He did. Praise His name. We had the church ordinance here recently and God blessed. The saints shouted and praised God. God is certainly

blessing here. The L. W. W. B. and Y. P. E. have furnished the parsonage and we have one of the finest L. W. W. B.'s and Y. P. E.'s anywhere, if not the greatest. Pray for us here that we may all stay in the shadow of the cross and earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints.

We have also sent in thirty subscriptions to the Evangel since the Assembly and are going on our forty.—W. W. Webb, pastor.

PORTERSBURG, Ky.—We have had a good revival here at Lebanon church, Brother A. A. Proffit of Brodhead, Ky., doing the preaching. Everybody is made to wonder at such preaching. He preached the Word and prayed for the sick and they were healed. This has been a meeting that will be long remembered. While we are Baptist people here at Lebanon, I am bound to say the Church of God is all right. There has never been as good behavior here in twenty years that I know of. I have lived here a long time. I am a Baptist church member and want to say that everybody has enjoyed this good meeting and Brother Proffit is welcome to come back again by one and all. I feel like saying that anyone who wants a revival would do well to get him. Please pray for us here at Lebanon.—Rosa Bundy.

A one-week revival was held at Pine Hill, Ky., by Brother J. C. Caldwell. Eight were saved and many more were seeking the Lord. The Lord blessed good in that revival. Pray for them and the service and pray for me in my ministry.—J. C. Caldwell, Warbranch, Ky.

REAMSTOWN, Pa.—God wonderfully blessed us in a revival here in His church at Reamstown, Pa. for the last three weeks. We do believe the first love of the church has been greatly deepened. Evangelist Edwin Mortenson and his wife were in charge. The Lord wonderfully blessed and anointed Brother Mortenson in every service. Brother and Sister Mortenson made many friends while here and I believe the whole church will join me in saying they have a warm welcome back any time. Every service during the revival was a good one. There were hungry seekers at the altar every night. The enemy worked hard in many ways to hinder and discourage but we held on to God, fasted, prayed and interceded and He answered our prayers. Pray for us here as there are

many hungry hearts and a number looking this way who declare holiness is right.

We also thank God for our pastor and his companion, Brother and Sister Flinchum. I surely feel the Lord directed them here to us. They are good to us; we love them and they show they love us.

Please pray for us; the enemy is coming to us on every angle and says our efforts are all in vain, but we are not serving a dead Christ. Jesus is our captain; He never lost a battle and He never will. We know God can do great things for us here if we walk close by Him. Pray also that I will live where He can use me for His glory.—Geo. Ditzler.

COFFEYVILLE, Kans. — We just closed a two weeks' revival here at the Coffeyville Church of God. The Lord blessed the revival in a wonderful way. Without His help we are a failure. Brother and Sister W. E. Volk conducted the revival. The Lord certainly blessed their work; the power of God falling. At times there wasn't any preaching; the Holy Ghost took charge. Thank the Lord. The saints were wonderfully blessed. There were twelve saved, four filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise His name. We thank the Lord for Brother and Sister Volk. We pray that the Lord will bless their labor with a large number of souls for the Lord. The Lord blessed us with plenty of music. Sister Volk organized a young people's band that furnished music for the revival. Thank the Lord for the young people. We have some wonderful talent here in our young people. Pray for them.

We thank the Lord for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister A. S. Eason. The Lord is blessing the church under their leadership. We enjoy the good messages Brother Eason brings us each service. Pray for us here at Coffeyville.—Paul W. York, clerk.

DABNEY, W. Va.—The Lord has been blessing us wonderfully. We have been having a revival although it lasted for only a short while. We have had fifty-four experiences since the first of December—twenty-one saved, sixteen sanctified and seventeen filled with the Holy Ghost. We had two experiences last Saturday night. We are expecting the Lord to keep right on blessing. We are in need of a larger building. Please pray that the Lord will make a way for us to get a larger building to worship the Lord in. We thank the Lord for sending pastor Sam Freeman and his wife to be with us.—Miss Ethel Pergram, Slagle, W. Va.

SHELURN, Ind.—We are in a revival here in Shelburn, Ind. God has wonderfully blessed our efforts. The meeting is in its fourth week. To date

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REQUESTS

"With thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Phil. 4:6.

PRAY FOR—

My mother to be healed of a head trouble of long standing. Anointed cloth appreciated.—Mrs. Paul Beggs, Rt. 2, Heflin, Ala.

Urgent unspoken request; the healing of my husband's and father's bodies.—Mrs. W. M. Bowling, Brock, Ky.

The healing of my head; the healing of my husband who is in the hospital.—Mrs. Harry Cline, Rt. 2, Box 193, Tyronza, Ark.

The healing of my nerves; the healing of my body of kidney trouble and some kind of spells; my husband and me to be overcomers; my mother to be healed. Anointed cloth appreciated.—Nellie Jernigan, Hornsby, Tenn.

The healing of Sister Annie Mason of heart trouble, also that she will be healed of something wrong with her back. Anointed cloth and encouraging letters appreciated. Her address is Rt. 1, Bald Knob, Ark.—Her pastor, A. R. Willingham, Bald Knob, Ark.

Me to receive the Holy Ghost. Fast with me March 30, 31, if led.—Byron Ellington, 1505 10th St. N.E., Canton, Ohio.

My eyes to be strengthened; my brother to be saved and healed; our church; my sister that God will make a way for her to come to church.—Mrs. Herman Begley, Rt. 1, Box 103, Irvin, Ky.

The healing of my body. Anointed cloth and encouraging letters appreciated.—Mrs. Martha Sutherland, Double Springs, Ala.

The saving and healing of a man who is in the hospital with high blood pressure and a blood clot in his heart.—Mrs. Glenn Hartman, Ashley, Ind.

The healing of my wife; me and my household to be found in the faith when Jesus comes.—Thos. Glenn.

The healing of my afflicted body.—Mrs. Sudie Spruell, Lane, Okla.

Me to receive the Holy Ghost and be healed of T.B.; my two children to have better health; my husband to be saved; my sick mother and father to be healed; my father to be saved.—Mrs. Floyd M. Taylor, String Fellow Hospital, Anniston, Ala.

The healing of my body.—E. D. Tayus, Buckhead, Ga.

Me to be healed of nervousness and stomach trouble; me to get closer to the Lord. Anointed cloth and letters appreciated.—Sam Hagwood, 90 Eighth St., West Huntsville, Ala.

My son-in-law to be convicted of sin and yield his heart to God; my daughter and children to yield their hearts to God; me.—Mrs. Tinie Quinton, 42 Hickory

St., Rome, Ga.

Me to be filled with the Holy Ghost; the Lord to convict my husband of sin and save him; his leg to be healed; my nervous body and effected eye to be healed; my little boy to be healed of rupture. Anointed cloth appreciated.—Mrs. J. E. Duke, 202 Park St., Cedartown, Ga.

Our revival which starts soon.—Rufus Pugh, Arkadelphia, Ala.

The healing of my wife.—C. B. Morgan, Gibson, Ga.

Will appreciate prayers and letters from my friends in Detroit, Mich. God to provide me with work.—George Henderson, Mason, Tex.

The healing of my afflicted body.—Della Maud Stutler, Box 72, Industrial, W. Va.

Me to be healed of abscesses on the back of my neck and the end of my spine; me to stay in God's will; our church here.—I. H. Shewbridge, Carlisle, Pa.

Easter

**Easter joybells flood my soul!
Anthems in my heart are ringing!
Shout, ye angels, clap your wings,
Thanks to God, we'll join the singing;
Every heart in adoration, join the song
Redemption's story, until we meet
that heavenly throng.**

—Clara Mullikin.

My husband to be saved.—Mrs. Mary Turner, 5 W. Roy St., Rock Hill, S. C.

Me to receive the Holy Ghost and be healed of nervous trouble; God to give us a revival here.—Homer Boatman, Jr., Box 217, Chickamauga, Ga.

Our daughter to be healed of epileptic fits.—Alcyce Ritchie, Rt. 5, North Chattanooga, Tenn.

The healing of my cousin who is in bad health.—Lucy Snyder, Trenton, Ga.

My children to be healed of a bad breaking out; my faith to be increased; my husband to stand true to God; my father to be delivered of a habit and receive the Holy Ghost. Anointed cloth appreciated.—Mrs. Gracie Mixon, Moniac, Ga.

The healing of Brother E. L. Duncan. Brothers Solomon Scalf, Ed Cox and S. B. McCane, please have your church pray until he is healed.—Hattie Duncan, Creekmore, Ky.

Me to know the Lord's will concerning myself; me to draw closer to God and be an overcomer; my home. Encouraging letters appreciated.—Mrs. Nettie Massy, R.F.D. 2, Roswell, Ga.

My husband to come back to God; my children to be saved; me to stand true.—Mrs. Joe Whitley, Rt. 1, Keener, Ala.

Me to be healed of gallstones, D.V.; the healing of my body which is in a run-

down condition.—Virginia Cadle, Glen Jean, W. Va.

Three unspoken requests; the Lord to have His way; me to be true.—Lake City, Fla.

Very urgent request; the healing of my brother who is in a very serious condition with a spine injury. His mind is effected; he and his family to get the light on the Church of God. Fast, if led. The Church of God here to be blessed and built up.—Mrs. Ben Ellis, 14 E. Walnut St., Rich Hill, Mo.

The salvation and healing of some relatives and friends; the complete healing of my body; unspoken request; our church and community.—Edna Gibson, McCrory, Ark.

A sister-in-law who is badly afflicted in body to be healed. She will appreciate an anointed cloth. Her address is Mrs. James Miranda, Rt. 2, Gould, Ark.

Me to stand true; the seekers here to be filled with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. C. H. Becker, Box 570, Gettysburg, S. Dak.

The healing of Dollie Mason's body; the healing of my body; us to get closer to God. Anointed cloth will be appreciated, if you feel led to send one.—Alonzo Mason, Box 14, Fonde, Ky.

A special request; me to live a humble life; our church; my companion.—Mrs. James Bishop, Rt. 2, Brodhead, Ky.

Our little son who is very sick with the flu to be healed.—Mrs. Annie Meeks, Rt. A, Live Oak, Fla.

The healing of my body; my unsaved loved ones to be saved; a sister who is having a hard test.—Sister Mattie Ranew, Rt. 2, Cobbtown, Ga.

Special unspoken request; the Lord to make a way for me.—Dock T. Webb, Box 304, Phoenix, Ariz.

The salvation of my husband and that the enemy will be defeated; me to be an overcomer; my sister who needs victory in her soul and body.—Mrs. Frank Strong, Box 134, Monmouth, Ore.

Please pray for this place and that our efforts here will be blessed.—Evangelist Lydia Pilgrim, Clinton, Mo.

The healing of Mr. Reese Ray who is seriously ill with high blood pressure and heart trouble.—Mrs. Annie Huffman, Bernice, La.

The healing of our baby who has the flu.—Mrs. P. L. Cooksey, Rt. 1, Box 189-A, Belzoni, Miss.

The healing of my body and that it will be strengthened, both physically and spiritually.—Mrs. A. W. Shawver, Rt. 1, Vineyard, Tex.

Very special unspoken requests, me to get back to the Lord.—Mrs. Mary Ellington, Rt. 2, Wake Forest, N. C.

Sister Emma Ashby; our little church here.—Alice Vance, St. George, W. Va.

J. W. Trimble to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

BRIEF REPORTS

"A good report maketh the bones fat," Prov. 15:30.

Harlan District Convention

The convention met in the new Union Hall at Cumberland, Ky., with B. L. Hicks, overseer of Kentucky, in charge. The convention was opened by singing under the direction of Cecil Bridges, Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent. Many ministers and singers from over the district were present and the Lord seemed to bless in a great and wonderful way. According to the reporter, long will live the memory of the Harlan district convention.

New Building

Praise God for the beginning of a new church. All things work together for good to them that love the Lord and are called according to His purpose. We came to Palmetto five and one-half years ago and preached an undenominational gospel and built a tabernacle called the Log-Cabin Tabernacle. Many souls were saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, but God wanted a Church of God in Palmetto. Out of persecutions God gave me the light on the Church and through the love and faithfulness that Brother J. A. Self had for the Church and the cooperation of our state overseer, Brother E. M. Ellis, the church was set in order last November.

Now the Lord is giving us a new place to worship. This one will be built for the Church of God. It is being built of concrete blocks and right down town just off Main Street in a good location. Those who have seen the light on the Church are sponsoring the building and putting their means and labor in it. Pray for us that God will supply all our needs. The building is looking very nice to us now as the walls are going up in a hurry. We will send a picture when the building is finished.—Your brother in Christ, W. J. Cothorn, Rt. 2, Box 81, Palmetto, Fla.

God Has Blessed at Brownfield

BROWNFIELD, Tex.—We began a revival at the Church of God at Brownfield in March, 1930, later followed by Rev. W. M. Ford of Carlsbad, N. Mex., with the blessing of the Lord, followed by Brother B. A. Ratchford of Big Spring, Tex., also Brother Roberts of Colorado came and conducted a Christmas meeting and last of all Brother W. H. White of Washington. Each revival was a good success. We hope these brethren will come back. We are planning on and praying about another revival in the near future, conducted by Brother W. M. Ford of

Hobbs, N. Mex. We appreciate the fellowship we have with the church at Brownfield. I give my friends a hearty welcome to come to see me. We surely appreciate our state overseer, Brother H. N. Scoggins, he has been so nice to me and we all love him so. Last, but not least, we had Brother Ramsey, state overseer of New Mexico, to give us a visit. We give him a hearty welcome back, maybe he can come to our convention. We will be looking for many of our friends to be at the convention so be sure to pray for us.—N. L. Sutor.

Having Good Success

CANDLER, N. C.—Praise God for the Church of God at Candler No. 1. We thank God for our church and for our good pastor, Brother G. E. Bailey. We truly appreciate the interest he and Sister Bailey are taking in the advancement of our church.

We closed a three weeks' revival Jan. 19 with Brother Elmo Jennings as evangelist. Although we didn't have the success we had hoped for we know Brother Jennings has sown some good seed. Eternity alone will reveal the success of the revival. We thank God for our Y.P.E. too. We have some people here who are talented. We earnestly solicit your prayers that we might grasp every opportunity to work for Jesus.—Miss Leo N. Hollifield, Y.P.E. president.

The Lord Really Blessed Our Souls

LAKE PLACID, Fla.—Praise God for old time salvation, something I know about. I praise Him for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost about nine years ago. Praise Him for His healing power! Last week I had a pain in my right hip and the side of my back with which I suffered very much, but after prayer He healed me. I also praise God for our good pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Ames Lunsford; they have been so much help to me and to our church. Praise the Lord for our Y.P.E. being organized Sunday night, March 3. Pray that it will grow and young people will be saved. I really thank and praise Him for the dear old Church of God. If I know myself I want to stand foursquare for the Church of God; I have no desire for worldly things. Praise the Lord for the good services we had at our church Sunday, March 3. The Lord really blessed our souls as Brother I. T. Williams of Naples, Fla., brought the message.—Mrs. W. J. Peoples.

Welch District Convention

The Welch district convention convened in Elbert, W. Va., March 1-3. The following brought messages during the convention: Brothers C. R. Simmons, James Leslie, J. C. McClendon of Kentucky, and M. P. Cross, state overseer. Much interest was shown throughout the district in attending the convention. We feel that this is the greatest convention this district has ever had. The Lord blessed us with a wonderful mission offering which amounted to \$131.82, over four times the amount received last year. The Lord greatly manifested His Spirit throughout the entire convention. Pray for us here at Elbert.—Eugene Thomas, Elbert, W. Va.

Pineville, Ky. Rapidly Moving Forward

When I came to Pineville, Ky., in October, 1939, there were just two or three Church of God members left to hold the fort. The reports had not been made out since July, 1939. I began to pray and ask God about our evangelist and about Feb. 17 He sent Sister Shideler. We had no place to worship only in the basement of Brother T. A. Warren's home. A large attendance came at the start but her preaching was so strict many dropped off for awhile. She kept right on preaching straight Church of God doctrine and the members began to line up and the power began to fall. There has been one saved, three sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, two added to the church, one transfer came in, also many others are ready to live up and come in.

God began to bless in a miraculous way. Brother T. A. Warren donated a lot worth over \$150.00 and the Sunday School children sold candy. The W. W. B. began to work and the foundation of the church is paid for. Sister Ramey, the clerk, donated the cement and we are waiting till our permit is due before we build. We thank you faithful saints who have been praying for us. We love the Evangel and are Evangel boosters here. We want to get this paper in every home possible. We have a number of workers, many are soliciting funds to complete our building. We expect to build a nice 30x40 frame, weather-boarded church with parsonage, so you good saints keep praying that God will hold back the enemy while we are working.—W. T. Truett, pastor.

Holds Jail Services

CARLISLE, Pa.—The blessings of the Lord are still falling since Sister Ulsh and Sister Helman, our leader, has had a revival. The power of God is falling in our jail services which Sister Helman is conducting each week. Fifteen testified of salvation and of the blood of Jesus as precious to their souls. We are looking for

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Easter Tribute

By Laura Adrene Sanders

'Tis morning now in Galilee,
The last dark night is past;
But weary fishers, tired with toil,
Their fruitless nets have cast.
Believing John his hand has raised
To shade his searching eyes,
And now to those within the boat
He breaks the glad surprise—

"It is the Lord; behold, He comes.
I see Him on the shore."
And Peter bounds into the deep
His Master to adore.
He swims to Christ. At Galilee
The dark clouds lose their gloom,
For here his Lord whom he denied
Stands victor o'er the tomb.

Three days ago on Calvary's brow
The darkness as a shroud
Enveloped all the quaking earth
And fear shook all the crowd.
But, oh! today glad Easter morn
Has flung across the world
The banner of the living Christ,
To ever be unfurled.

O Grave, where is thy victory?
O Death, where is thy sting?
O Hell, where is the fear of thee?
Lost! Lost! in Christ the King.
The Lord has turned the shade of Death
Into the morning fair;
Glad Victory now sounds her harp,
She plays with major air.

Hail Him who makes the seven stars
Their sweetest power to bring;
Hail Him who makes the frost of Death
Give way to budding Spring.
Hail Him who brings the cloudless day
And sends her sunny rays
Into each bud; into each heart
That opes to give Him praise.

Hail Him, for dark Gethsemane
With all her tears must go;
Hail Him for shameful Calvary
Holds no eternal woe—
Save unto those who will not heed
This Christ of Victory.
All hail! the risen Christ who saves
For all eternity.

REPORTS

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two independent works to come with us in fellowship, being added to the Church of God, in and near Carlisle. We thank God for the wonderful work He is doing for us. Our leader is a real servant of God and He is blessing every effort she puts forth.—S. W. Miller, clerk, 115 S. East St.

Has Home-coming

BLACKSBURG, S. C.—I am sounding a note of praise through the Evangel in behalf of the Church of God at Blacks-

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YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Cleveland, Tenn.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, how thankful I am that I have the opportunity of praising God for such a wonderful and free blessing as the baptism of the Holy Ghost. There are many who have not heard of the blessing, yet there are many who have heard of it but will not accept it. I praise God because I accepted it. I received the blessing about nine years ago when only seven years of age, and I haven't given it up. I do not intend to, by the help of the Lord. Before and after I received the Holy Ghost, I loved to hear interpretations given that Jesus is coming soon. That has always been on my mind. It makes me want to live closer to God each day and hour as we do not know how soon He will come. I had a dream of signs in the skies of His appearing and it made me so happy because I knew I was ready to meet Him. Pray that I will do or say something that will cause others to be ready.—Your sister in Christ, Vivan Haworth (now Mrs. G. M. Bloomingdale).

A Request:

Mrs. F. M. Miller of Asheville, N. C. wants the saints to pray that she may be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and that she may be healed. Also pray that her husband may be saved.

Notice:

We will have the dedication of the new church in Carbon Hill, Ala., the first Sunday in April. Brother Z. D. Simpson, overseer of Alabama, and Brother J. B. Ellis will be with us, also the brass band from Helican and probably the string band from Alabama City. These services will begin on Saturday night before the first Sunday, and will continue through Sunday. There will be services all day Sunday and dinner on the ground. Everybody is welcome, and we especially invite the saints from Dora, Empire, and Pratt City as they are nearest and understand the condition of this new field. The Lord is wonderfully blessing so come and help us boost this work.—Luther A. Richard, pastor.

burg, S. C. God is wonderfully blessing our church here. We certainly appreciate our pastor, Brother B. T. Spouse. This is his second year at this place. He is a good faithful pastor and God is blessing his work. Many souls have been won to the Lord by his love and kindness. We have a good Y. P. E., a good string band, several good quartets, a good Sunday School and, best of all, we have the power of God in our services. Our church here will have a home-coming day the first Sunday in April. We extend to each and every one a hearty welcome and especially our former pastors. Come and be with us and enjoy the presence of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. We are expecting great things from the Lord. We are praising God for victory in our soul and His goodness to us.—Goldie Lane.

PHOENIX, Ariz.—We have been getting along fine with our church building and we are looking for the best convention we have ever had in Arizona. We surely appreciate our pastor and his dear wife for their labor and sacrifice for the church here. We have a fine Sunday School and it seems that God has blessed us so we will surely go over the top for the Lord in Arizona this year. Pray for us.—Sallie Mull, Rt. 9, Box 99.

Important

It is very important that all applications or insurance under this special drive will be in our office not later than the last of this month.—E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary and Treasurer.

MISSION PAGE

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six months of earnest labor for the Master.

WE WELCOMED BROTHER AND SISTER KLUZIT

It was with great joy wife and I extended our hands to welcome our state overseer and his wife, Brother and Sister Kluzit, also a sister in Christ that accompanied them. Friday, February 9, about midnight, a knock was heard on the door. I awoke quickly to see who it was and in came Brother Kluzit. I cannot go to the extent of saying the various ways in which the Lord has blessed us, but you can imagine for yourselves. We enjoyed their presence and we all felt the presence of the Lord. During their stay more souls came to the Lord, and the work was set in order.

PREACHING IN VARIOUS SECTIONS

At present, meetings are held in three
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Leaves From the Fig Tree

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CHRISTIAN CENTURY had this to say: "There is only one way out of the confusions and illegalities of this ambassadorial appointment: Let the President call Mr. Taylor home. If that be too embarrassing let him cancel whatever credentials have been issued by the state department." The idea of this government sending an ambassador to the Pope any more than they would send one to Cleveland to see J. H. Walker or to Salt Lake City to see the leader of the Mormons is untenable to most Americans. THE ABSOLUTE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF AMERICA'S CREED. THAT STANDARD SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AT ALL HAZARDS.

Said Adolf Hitler this week: "Like soldiers of the past we are ready to die at any time. I live day and night with only one idea—to always work for and if necessary to give my life for Germany. Now, for the first time in history, the entire German people, soldiers and civilians stand before the Almighty praying for ultimate victory." Hitler is in dead earnest about that. He sincerely believes he is saying and doing the right thing. "THE LORD WILL PUT IT IN THEIR HEARTS TO FULFILL HIS WILL." Rev. 17:17.

Said the Governor of North Carolina: "Although the Mussolinis, the Stalins and the Hitlers walk the world with titanic strength today, tomorrow the justice of mankind will be vindicated." Well spoken, Governor, although you missed the mark a little. The justice of man has gone forever. IT IS THE JUSTICE OF GOD THAT WILL BE VINDICATED TOMORROW.

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different sections of this city, and just a small urban section about six miles in distance. Two native workers have started for Puerto Plata, that is about 270 miles from Ciudad Trujillo, where the Lord has called them to work for Him.

On Monday morning we had a lovely prayer meeting conducted by our overseer, one matrimony was performed, several confessions made, then there were seven souls who were ready to be baptized by immersion. At the seashore everybody prepared, and while we all sang they were buried one by one with Jesus. Later in the afternoon some infants were dedicated to the Lord, then two brethren were received by our overseer and were made members of the Church of God. From that we passed on to the celebration of the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet, then closed till the night service in which several people came

up for prayer and some of them were converted. The overseer made his announcements, and the service was brought to a close.

It was with great sadness we said farewell to Brother Kluzit and his wife, and also Sister Milk, who left us on the 14th for the Republic of Haiti. The same night they left two souls were wonderfully saved. We praise God for all His kindness toward us, and we ask the dear saints everywhere to pray for the Dominican Republic, that the Lord may send a revival and save souls, also fill them with His Holy Spirit.—Yours in the Master's service, George L. Sylvestre.

At the Church of God Pub. House

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School literature, and Lighted Pathway are mailed.

Daily Bread

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Saturday, March 30

"The light now shineth."

Read 1 John 2:8.

We are told that as one climbs Mont Saleve one comes in time to a cross erected along side a perspicuous slope and overlooking the entire valley of the Rhone. It is the fog line and above this, during the winter's time of fog, the sun is shining almost perpetually. A farmer once said to a tourist who complained at not being able to see the sun, "Sir, you must climb to the cross; there you will find sunshine." So it is with the Christian life which begins at the cross. It sheds forth a flood of sunshine.

The Empty Tomb

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ful slavery of sin. Salvation from the dark dungeon of despair and horrible death. Oh! glorious liberty, light, peace, joy, contentment, life everlasting through the CROSS. Hallelujah!

Someone may ask, like the Philippian jailor of long ago, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" The answer is very simple. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved," Acts 16:30, 31. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life," John 3:16. "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation," Rom. 10:10.

MAN'S CRY FOR IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL. The "age long question" of the man whose health, wealth, and friends are gone, and in the day of tragedy, is as Job asked, "If a man die, shall he live again?" Job 14:14.

That is the question of ages past and age present. That is the question Adam asked when he buried his murdered son Abel. That is the question Abraham asked

when he laid in the mausoleum the remains of his sainted wife Sarah. That is the question the widowed mother asked when they lowered in the cold grave the body of her only son. That is the question you have asked. That is the question I have asked. "If a man die, shall he live again?"

In answer to that universal cry (question), God gave the world Easter time. The EMPTY TOMB is God's answer to our aching hearts and never dying souls. The EMPTY TOMB implies there is life beyond this vale of tears.

Nature at the close of autumn passes into the grave of winter. Then along comes the sunshine of spring; nature feels its touch and we have a resurrection of plant life.

The birds go south in the winter time, and north in the summer. The fishes do the same. They have no calendar to go by. What makes them do that? You answer, "Instinct."

Man has instinctively expected immortality. The ancient nations believed and practiced immortality. The Egyptians embalming their dead was the product of their belief in immortality. In Greece, Homer and Socrates lived perilous and courageous lives because of their belief in immortality. In Rome, Plato, Epictetus, Marcus Aurelius and Cicero believed and taught immortality.

Memory crumbles, imagination fails, reason departs and weakens. After all these remains the great ego crying out for immortality. Why? "The human soul is made by God. It is ever at unrest, until it finds its rest in God" (St. Augustine). Therefore, our souls naturally yearn for immortality. The longing and yearning is put there by God.

Nero, the monster of history, said on his deathbed: "Oh, my poor soul, where art thou going?" Socrates with the cup of death in his hand said: "I think there is life beyond." St. Stephen stoned to death said: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Christ on the cross said: "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."

Science says, "There MAY BE a future life." Philosophy says, "There OUGHT to be a future life." Divine revelation declares, "There IS a future life."

Jesus taught immortality when He said: "God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. Because I live, ye shall live also." Matt. 22:30-32; John 14:19. The Apostle Paul said: "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable," 1 Cor. 15:19. St. Peter said: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead," 1 Peter 1:3.

Death! What a funeral train! Three deaths every two seconds in the world.

Death, that separates the best of friends, interrupts our plans. How cruel the black angel of death with his long, flowing, black robe and icy breath, with skull and crossbones on his breast, riding on his black charger across the battlements of life. Over yonder, lying across the grave, is the prostrated form of a broken-hearted wife mourning the loss of her beloved husband. A little distant from there I see a husband weeping over the grave of his sainted wife. A mother's heart is breaking as she sobs over the remains of her only son. Death! O Death! Heartless and cruel art thou. How long, O God, how long will this sorrow, heartaches, tears and separations last?

Back comes the answer from God, "THE EMPTY TOMB," with the words of Jesus, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die . . . In my Father's house are many mansions . . . I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also," John 11:25, 26; 14:2, 3.

Soon He will return with a shout to raise the dead incorruptible, and with the voice of the archangel bringing immortality to the living in the twinkling of an eye. Then will be brought to pass the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" 1 Cor. 15:51-57; 1 Thess. 14:18.

That is the hope of every believer. We walk by faith, and can say with Job of old, "I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another." Job 19:25-27.

Thank God for

THE EMPTY TOMB.

Revivals

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sixteen have been saved, seven sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost and nine added to the church. We thank God for our pastor, Brother John Sharp, and I thank God I am back in the Church of God.

Please pray for me that God will heal my body of T. B. that I may be of service to God and the church. We are looking for many more souls to be saved in this revival as there are many under conviction.—Evangelist Fred Cummins.

WILMINGTON, N. C.—We are in the midst of a wonderful revival con-

ducted by Brother J. W. Sullivan, state evangelist. It has been going on for two weeks. Many souls have prayed through and it seems that the revival is just getting started. Much interest is being shown. People who have been so unconcerned are interested. We feel that the Lord is going to do great things for us and His church.

Our pastor, Brother W. W. Harmon, is proving a great blessing to the church. Through his efforts I believe the Lord is going to cause this work to spread. We have only three churches on this district. I certainly enjoy the Evangel. I just can't say which part I like best. Brother Latimer, we miss your writings; those on Revelation were especially good. I've looked for more of them. Please remember me in your prayers. I want to be ready to go in the rapture whatever the cost. I have some brothers and many friends I'm praying for. Join with me in prayer for them, also for this revival, that it will be the most successful one we have ever had.—Ethel Barefoot.

HENDERSON, N. C.—We praise the Lord for the way He is blessing here in Henderson. We recently closed a two weeks' revival conducted by Brother Walter Skutar, a man who is really on fire for God, and we praise the Lord for him. There were about nine saved, six sanctified and three filled with the Holy Ghost and the church greatly revived. We appreciate every effort that he put forth and we want him to come back any time he will. The people here surely enjoyed his preaching.—J. C. Leonard, pastor, Rt. 1.

WELLSTON, Ohio.—The revival here has just closed. The gospel was made plain and members of other churches attended and sang specials. They said Sister Shideler had made the Holy Ghost and the Church plain to them. The Holy Ghost power fell and messages in tongues and interpretations were given. We were sorry to see Sister Shideler leave us; she surely helped our church. Pray for our little band here; we hope to build a new church this year. Sister Shideler organized the W. W. B. and we expect to work.—Sister Nancy Lambert.

DAYTON, Ohio.—In our revival at the Church of God at 1735 W. Fifth St., Dayton, Ohio, Brother George Lytle, pastor, there were twelve saved, some sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost and ten added to the church. Brother Carl Bachlor was the evangelist, his wife helping with the music. Brother Bachlor is a member of the local church.—William E. Fitzgerald, 2108 Home Ave.

SHELBURN, Ind.—God has certainly been blessing in Shelburn. A Holy Ghost, heaven-sent revival started Jan. 28 with Rev. Fred Cummins doing the preaching for three weeks, but on account of illness he was unable to go on and the pastor continued the meeting until March 3.

Some nights there was no preaching, the Holy Ghost took charge; people came to the altar and prayed through to victory. Sixteen souls were saved, eight sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and nine added to the church. We praise God for hearing and answering prayers. Pray that the church will grow, glow and go for God's glory.—John Sharp, pastor, Box 333.

LOGAN, W. Va.—Our revival here closed March 3. It has been going three weeks with Rev. Max L. Atkins in charge. We have never had a better revival at Aracoma church. The power of God was real in every service. I don't know just the number saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Atkins is a great Sunday School worker. The last Sunday he was here we broke all records for attendance. There were 445 present. Praise God for sending Brother Atkins. We are looking forward to his return. The altar was full with between forty and fifty the last night. With such praying and some shouting you couldn't tell how many experiences were received but God knows. Pray for us here as we need your prayers.—J. H. Winters, W. Logan Brch.

COLUMBUS, Ga.—Thanks be to God for the revival which closed Feb. 25 and for Brother Woodrow Wilson and his fine uplifting sermons. The church was revived and some blessed. We also thank God for our pastor, Brother W. H. Black, and wife. Pray for us to trust God until Jesus comes.—W. M. Yawn, 4312 Gilbert Ave.

WARESBORO, Ga.—A four weeks' revival conducted by Brother Earnie Hitte and party of Franklin, Ohio, has just closed. Saints and sinners were blessed and real interest shown throughout the revival. Attendance was very good considering the cold weather. There were three saved, two sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and two added to the church. Many were under conviction. This party is an excellent one to hold you a revival. They have good singing, a good string band and Brother Earnie Hitte's preaching could hardly be excelled by anyone his age for soundness and heart-convicting power. We surely were sorry to see them leave us, but we are planning on getting them back sometime this summer or fall.—J. O. Jeffords.

DALTON, Ga.—On Feb. 18 we closed a wonderful revival with six saved, six sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost and five added to the church. The church was greatly blessed. Everyone feels more determined to press on than ever before. Rev. Shelton Brock of Chickamauga, Ga. was the evangelist. Each message was upbuilding to the saints. Love and unity were felt by all. Brother J. L. McCoy, our pastor, and Sister Mava (Morgan) McCoy are truly humble servants of God. We thank God for having them with us another year.—Ethel Boatwright.

NOTICES

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Bring a well-filled basket or box as dinner will be served at the church. Bring your singers and all who make music. Preachers, come prepared to speak. Come with the fire on the altar of your souls.—W. A. Goss, pastor, Canton, Ga.

Anyone desiring to write me concerning gospel tents, my address is changed to the following: V. E. Hooks, Box 273, Winchester, Ky.

There will be an all-day service at the Church of God at Burdette, Ark. Easter Sunday, March 24. Everyone is invited. We are having service now at the new church building.

To whom it may concern: My address is now 630 Kentucky Ave., Pineville, Ky.—W. T. Truett.

To our friends everywhere: On account of an early Easter and the bad roads we have put our Easter program off until the third Sunday in April at the Church of God at Bethel, Tenn. We invite all the neighboring churches to come and let's have another great day in the Lord. All who can, bring well-filled baskets as we will have dinner on the ground. Pray much for us.—Iva Griggs, Rt. 1, Leoma, Tenn.

Just a reminder of our district convention which convenes March 29, 7:30 p.m. through March 31, 4:30 p.m. Each pastor and church is expected to be present with a good mission offering. Come on, neighbors everywhere, and be with us at this good feast. Everybody is welcome. We expect to have an old time basket dinner Sunday, so come and bring a well-packed basket.—R. E. Shaw, 902 South St., Lawton, Okla.

Below is the list of the district Y.P.E. and Sunday School conventions. Notice in the next issue of the state paper the dates and places of the conventions. These conventions will begin on Saturday night and end Sunday afternoon around 4:00 p.m. Toccoa district, April 12, 13; Jesup

district, April 20, 21; Valdosta district, April 27, 28; McRae district, May 4, 5; Thomaston district, May 11, 12; Cobb-town district, May 18, 19; Hazelhurst district, May 25-26; Carrollton district, June 1, 2; Canton district, June 15, 16; Dahlonega district, June 22, 23; Augusta district 20, 21; LaFayette district, July 27, 28; Rome district, August 3, 4; Calhoun district, August 24, 25; Clayton district, September 7, 8; Dalton district, September 14, 15; Atlanta district, September 21, 22.—Roy Douglas, state superintendent, Box 782, Macon, Ga.

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Ps. 116:15.

COOPER

On March 3, 1940 Rev. S. D. Cooper, an aged minister of the Church of God, heard the summons and left us to join the redeemed congregation in the upper and better Kingdom. He was eighty-two years of age and served faithfully his church and calling.—His granddaughter, Miss Grace Hughes, Greenville, S. C.

GARRISON

Sister N. S. Garrison, a faithful member of the Church of God No. 1, Greenville, S. C., departed this life Jan. 17, 1940; age forty-five years. She was a teacher in the Junior department of the Sunday School.—Mrs. Charles Fox, Greenville, S. C.

BROWN

On Feb. 28, 1940 the death angel visited the home of Rev. J. F. Brown and took from him his dear companion and mother of his children, Sister Etta Brown.—One who loved her, Mrs. B. A. Meeks, Carrollton, Ga.

BENNETT

Sister Flora Bennett, faithful member of the Church of God at Buford, Ga., was born Feb. 11, 1912 and passed away Feb. 26, 1940. Her husband and little daughter need your prayers.—Her husband, Fred Bennett, Buford, Ga.

LIVINGSTON

Mary Lou Livingston, fourteen-year-old daughter of Rev. W. M. and Jessie Livingston, departed this life Feb. 23, 1940. May God bless the bereaved.—Earl Powell, Jacksonville, Ga.

MALTBA

Sister Mary Maltba was born Jan. 9, 1867 and departed this life March 1, 1940; age seventy-three years, one month and twenty days. She was a devoted child of God and a member of the Church of God.—Mrs. Joe Johnson, leader, Jonas Ridge, N. C.

MILLER

Brother P. A. Miller, faithful member of the Church of God for more than ten years, passed away Feb. 17, 1940; age eighty-two years.—Katherine Payton, clerk, Coalmont, Ind.

HARMON

Brother C. W. Harmon, charter member and deacon in the Church of God at Bompus Creek, Ill., went to his reward March 1, 1940. He was almost seventy-nine years old.—Margaret Boley, clerk, Chauncey, Ill.

MILLER

William A. Miller, a faithful member of the Church of God at Ashland, Ohio, was born April 16, 1866 and died March 6, 1940.—C. B. Huff, pastor, Ashland, Ohio.

B. T. S. Echoes

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Pleasant Echoes

Sister Ida McCoy of Arley, Alabama, has sent donations to the Bible School at different times. This time she is sending two quilts valued at \$4.00 and \$5.00 each respectively, two mats valued at \$1.00 each, and one bedspread valued at \$4.00, which makes a total of \$15.00.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. James sent 50c on the school property, and Mrs. J. C. Coats sent \$5.00. These offerings are greatly appreciated.

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brothers, etc., and all but relegate us to the infernal regions because we did not belong to the Church of God." One man stated that he had seen the light on it and would backslide if he didn't come in, but reading further he said that he resented such hard preaching and abusive language as they used in slinging mud at good people not affiliated with them. It only drove him farther from the Church. But eventually his story changes. He finds out that the Church of God does not endorse mud-slinging. He reads the Lighted Pathway and becomes convinced that he is wrong in his bitterness and that God's people should be in one fold, the Spirit-filled body of God's children functioning under the government set forth in the New Testament, a group of holy ones overflowing with God's love for each other and for a dying world.

This is a picture that should cause all church members to deal gently with their brethren and help them to see the Church in its true light.

Pray to God at the beginning of thy works, that thou mayest bring them to a good conclusion.—Xenophon.